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E. P. THOMPSON

Oct. 4-1901

REPORTS

OF THE

AUDITORS

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE TOWN OF

GILMANTON,

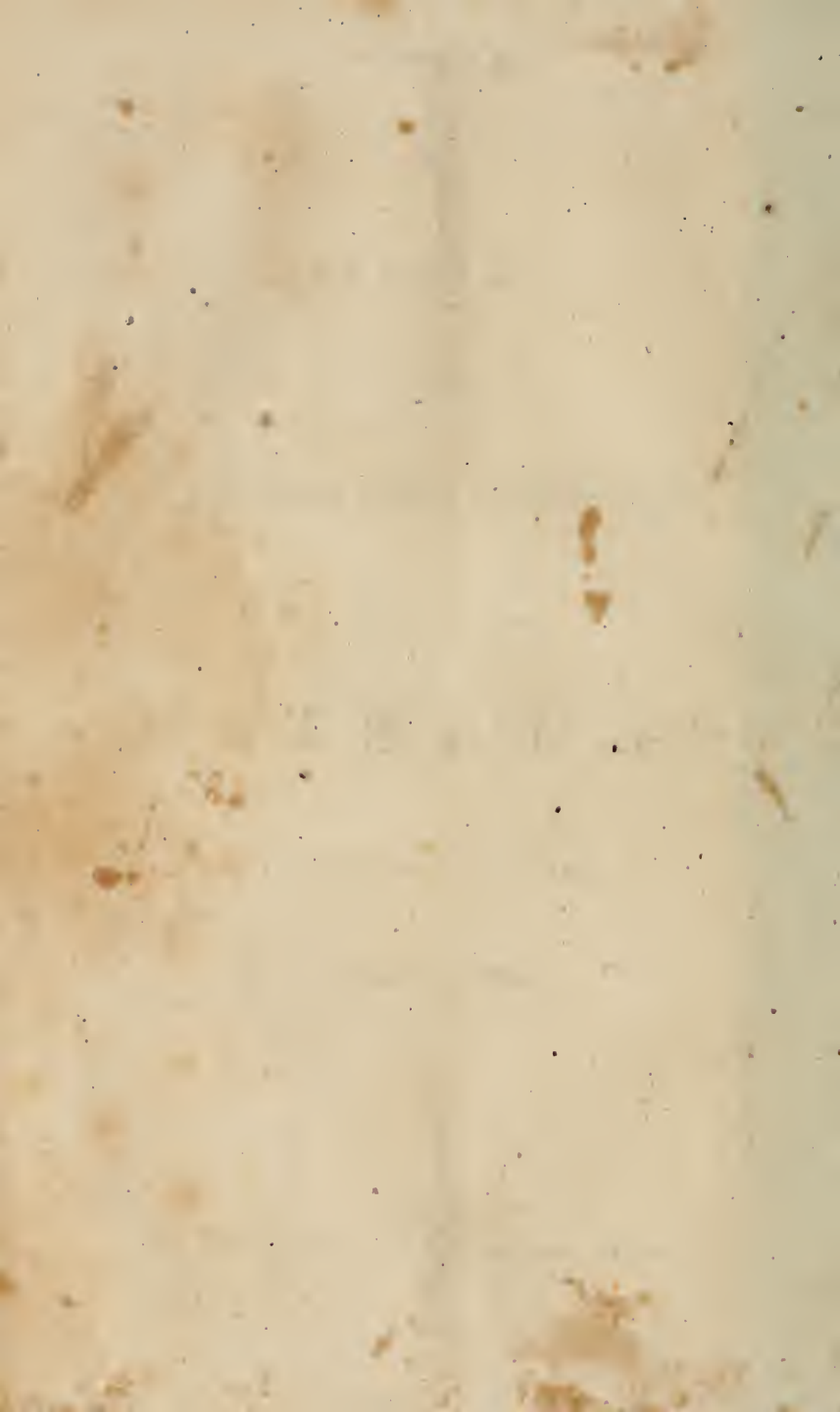
FOR THE YEAR ENDING

FEBRUARY 25, 1864.

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AUDITORS' REPORT.

We have examined the accounts, orders and vouchers presented to us by the Selectmen and Town Treasurer, and find the following to be the result :

We find the Treasurer has paid the following sums by order of the Selectmen :

Paid Outstanding Orders.

N. H. Savings Bank, in full for money hired,	\$400 00
" " " " interest for money hired,	213 54
M. K. Eveleth, for interest on town orders,	10 50
S. Langley, " " " "	36 00
G. D. Hill, for town order,	400 00
L. Weeks, " " "	50 00
For interest on town orders,	36 71
A. N. Mudgett, for town order,	100 00
D. Sargent, for town order,	90 00
" " " for interest on town order,	45
J. P. Young, for town order,	100 00
" " " " interest on town order,	6 60
" " " " town order,	100 00
" " " " interest town order,	6 63
O. G. Kimball, for town order,	200 00
T. Cogswell, Jas. W. & T. Cogswell, jr., interest on town orders,	78 00
J. S. Kelly, interest on town order,	12 00
N. M. Varney, for town order,	100 00
interest on order,	8 00
town order,	50 00
interest on order,	1 00
John S. Osborn, interest on town order,	33 00
Portsmouth Savings Bank in full,	3000 00
interest & stamps,	15 15
J. K. Woodman and T. Coffin, interest,	80
Wells C. York,	151 00
H. H. Nickerson, for town order,	100 00
" " " " " "	8 92
J. L. Kelly for school district No. 12,	3 89
A. N. Mudgett for interest on order,	5 10
A. Mack, " " " "	132 97
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Paid for Roads and Bridges.

J. M. Pickering, for labor and bridge timber,	\$0 90
Nathaniel Young, for ox work on Upper Mills Bridge,	9 37
George H. Potter for bridge plank,	3 50
J. S. Goodwin, for labor and expenses on Upper Mills Bridge and bridge near Long Bridge,	13 06
A. T. Edgerly, for bridge plank,	11 49
J. Young, for damage done to plough on road,	1 50
L. G. Longee, for labor on bridge,	5 00
C. P. Webster for labor on road,	3 02
J. W. Clough, repairing bridge,	4 26
J. Lougee, 2d, " "	2 93
J. S. Trickey, damage to plough on road,	1 00
G. W. Edgerly, for bridge timber,	1 75
J. D. Nelson, for bridge plank,	2 82
C. H. Gilman, " " "	3 29
J. S. Goodwin, labor and expenses Upper Mills Bridge,	164 55
J. S. Osborn, labor on Upper Mills Bridge,	5 00
J. S. Goodwin, for building bridge near Long Bridge,	69 00
J. A. Jones, for board and bridge plank,	6 55
J. D. Merrill, for repairs on road in Dist. No. 18,	42 50
J. S. Kimball, for bridge plank,	21 00
S. B. F. Mddgett, " "	96
John Nutter, " timber,	1 00
Jona. Sleeper, for labor on highway, in 1861,	3 85
Rice Gilman, for bridge plank,	76
John S. Shannon, for labor on highways,	1 80

 \$380 86
Paid for Poor off Town.

C. A. Hackett for Levi Hutchinson,	\$24 75
H. W. Peaslee " " "	26 17
C. A. Hatch for Betsey Young,	5 00
C. A. Dockham for Cordelia Lamprey,	17 47
R. J. Varney for aid to poor in 1862,	3 00
Asa Page for Wm. Page,	15 00
M. Kimball for H. Kimball,	10 00
C. A. Hatch for Betsey Young,	6 00
J. W. Clough for J. A. Danforth,	2 00
L. H. Mudgett for aid to poor,	16 88
R. D. Tebbetts for J. A. Danforth,	6 00
C. A. Hatch for Betsey Young,	9 05
R. D. Tebbetts for J. A. Danforth,	9 70
L. H. Mudgett for Levi Hutchinson,	5 17
C. A. Dockham for Betsey Young,	8 00
" " " Cordelia Lamprey,	29 63
C. H. Lougee for L. Hutchinson,	12 00

S. Shannon for A. Young,	18 00
C. A. Hatch for B. Young,	5 00
H. E. Marsh for A. Young, in 1861,	4 00
J. W. Clough for A. Lamprey,	3 75
S. Dearborn for C. H. Lougee,	8 55
S. B. Colton for H. Kimball,	25 00
L. H. Mudgett for L. Hutchinson,	9 56
A. Page for William Page,	11 00
C. A. Hackett for L. Hutchinson,	10 00
J. Hutchinson for L. Hutchinson,	10 00
N. Wright for doctoring poor,	50 00
Asa Page for Wm. Page,	13 00
E. Merrill for Levi Hutchins,	2 62
George W. Ross, coffin for widow Josiah Smith,	5 00
John T. Jewell liquor for Levi Hutchins,	7 76
L. H. Mudgett for C. H. Lougee,	9 25

\$398 31

Paid for Poor, Chargeable to the County.

R. W. Page for E. Flanders,	4 22
R. Page, " " "	8 76
M. Bunker for Frank Willey,	13 00
H. W. Peaslee for P. Twombly,	10 85
S. A. Arnold for T. Haley, (transient,)	6 00
C. Bunker for F. Willey,	13 00
T. Wight for medical aid,	44 00
I. S. French for medical aid J. M. Clifford's family,	2 50
L. H. Mudgett for P. Twombly,	10 75
I. S. French, medical aid S. Twombly,	3 00
N. Robinson & family,	5 00
L. C. Hill and family,	9 75
J. M. Clifford,	3 33
N. Wight for medical aid L. C. Hill,	3 00
H. W. Peaslee, goods for L. C. Hill,	2 00
J. A. Jones for P. Twombly,	23 09
L. H. Mudgett for P. Twombly,	2 20
J. K. Hancock, for digging grave for Heath child,	3 00

\$167 45

Paid for Poor on Town Farm.

G. Lougee for labor,	\$7 66
R. R. Flanders for repairing buildings,	3 67
B. B. Twombly, " "	5 25
J. S. Rundlett for 6 bushels potatoes,	1 50
J. A. Caverly for threshing grain,	5 00
L. H. Mudgett for goods,	14 91
Wm. Dearborn for labor at haying,	9 79

C. D. Simpson " " " "	10 31
L. H. Mudgett for goods,	26 29
E. E. Merrill for barley and potatoes,	9 26
E. Hutchinson for labor,	1 37
L. H. Mudgett for grass seed and hay,	5 81
J. R. Clifford for blacksmith work in 1861,	1 48
S. A. Arnold for hired labor,	4 50
barley,	1 05
balance for services in 1862,	120 00
H. W. Peaslee for goods,	23 50
F. M. F. Ins. Co., for assessments made July 6, 1863,	8 78
I. S. French for medical aid,	58
G. L. Mead for tobacco,	13 30
H. A. Davis for funeral charges,	5 00
O. Folsom for clover seed,	6 00
N. Wight, for doctoring as per contract in 1862,	25 00
L. H. Mudgett for goods for use of town farm,	5 04
Cyrus Varney for potatoes and work on house,	9 18
Cyrus Varney for blacksmith work in 1862 and 1863,	\$28 43
" " " one express sleigh,	40 00
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	\$392 61

Paid Abatement of Taxes.

Geo. H. Seward, for 1861,	\$1 60
J. W. Cogswell, for 1862,	4 72
J. W. Cogswell, for 1862,	13 47
J. S. Kelley,	32
B. Page, for (over-tax),	1 92
J. W. Cogswell,	5 95
I. B. Sanborn, (on poll),	2 31
I. D. Gilman, for 1855,	4 28
I. S. Sanborn, for over-tax in 1861,	1 52
J. Leighton, for 1861,	23 78
J. Leighton, 1861,	3 20
C. S. Page, (over-tax),	10
Jona. W. Clough, for 1860,	17 04
Jona. W. Clough, for 1860,	1 74
J. P. Clough, for 1858,	22 76
J. P. Clough, for 1857,	14 46
E. S. Price, for 1860-1,	22 77
James Leighton, 1861,	16 83
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	\$158 77

Paid for poor chargeable to other Towns.

C. A. Hatch, for goods,	\$5 00
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Paid Town Officers.

L. W. Sanborn, for services as Town Clerk, 1862,	\$26 62
R. J. Varney, for expenses out of town business 1862,	46 85
E. S. Price, for collecting taxes for the year, 1861,	19 17
B. F. Parson, for services as Auditor,	2 00
T. S. Tilton, for services as Selectman,	6 00
T. S. Tilton, for constable fees,	4 00
J. S. Goodwin, for services as Selectman 1862,	5 00
“ “ “ “ “ in town for 1863,	70 02
“ “ “ “ “ expenses,	7 50
“ “ “ “ “ out of town,	2 00
J. S. Goodwin, for services to Portsmouth,	16 80
J. W. Clough, for services as Selectman in town,	73 95
J. W. Clough, for expenses “ “	8 75

 \$288 66
Paid Current Expenses.

E. S. Mudgett, for watering trough,	\$3 00
J. O. Dow, “ “ 1862,	3 00
F. P. Burroughs, “ “	3 00
J. O. Dow, “ “	3 00
L. E. Durrell, “ “	3 00
J. C. Bean, (Estate,) “	3 00
C. G. Kelley, “	3 00
H. Arlin, for labor on Town Hall and constable fees,	1 75
County Tax,	1.070 94
State Tax,	1.404 00
Revenue stamps and blanks,	12 12
J. S. French, return of births and deaths,	25
N. Wight, “ “ “	80
G. Montgomery, “ “ “	95
C. H. Frost, for stationery,	1 93
Premium on greenbacks,	10 50
J. S. Page, for guide boards post and setting,	3 50
J. M. Gilman for school house tax No. 15,	25 00
Interest on Parsonage Fund,	7 91
J. P. Hill, for services as referee,	1 00
Wm. H. Gilman, board of Selectmen in part,	11 88
G. Parker Lyon, for diaries and blanks,	4 30
F. W. Miller, for printing substitute blanks,	1 50
W. H. Gilman, for balance of Selectmen and Auditors for the year ending March, 9, 1863,	36 85
Fogg, Hadley & Co., for printing town report in 1862.	30 00
L. W. Sanborn, notifying jurors,	5 00
L. W. Sanborn, for postage, stationery and money paid out,	2 33
David Bedee, for work on town hall and constable fees,	2 00
Premium on greenbacks,	34 50

W. H. Gilman, for part pay for board of Selectmen,	25 00
G. Parker Lyon, for books and blanks,	7 61
A. Prescott, for damage done to horse,	22 50
J. P. Hill, for runing town line,	2 00
L. H. Mudgett, for wood used in town hall,	54
“ “ for stationery,	70
J. S. Kimball, for watering trough,	3 00
J. S. Shannon, for labor on highway and furnished A. Lamper,	18 62
The several school districts,	1.208 71
J. W. Clough, for cash paid out,	3 37
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	\$3.982 07

Paid families of Volunteers.

J. W. Clough, for aid furnished families of volunteers,	\$1.772 00
J. S. Goodwin, “ “ “ “	1.409 00
R. J. Varney, “ “ “ “	1.015 00
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	\$4.196 00

Paid for Bounties for Volunt ers.

Selectmen of the Town of Gilmanton for bounties paid out agreeably to a vote of the town passed Oct. 3d, 1863, 22 men at \$300,	\$6.600 00
Selectmen of the town of Gilmanton, for bounties paid out agreeably to a vote of the town passed Dec. 1, 1863, 19 men,	10.090 00
Joseph M. Shepard,	100 00
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	\$16.790 00
Received of State for bounties assigned,	\$1.900 00
Due from Government, “	5.728 00

THOMAS ADAMS, TREASURER, *in account with the town of
Gilmanton, Feb. 25, 1864,* Dr.

To balance on settlement, Feb. 26, 1863,	\$1.051 35
Cash hired of Mahala D. Page,	75 00
Charles Varney,	200 00
Al Page,	255 00
Cash for Ham & Davis bond,	34 00
Cash hired of J. P. Hill,	125 00
C. J. Edgerley,	100 00
J. D. Edgerley,	100 00
A. M. Jewell,	95 00
T. J. Gale,	200 00
C. H. Marden,	56 00

Cash received of the County of Belknap,	166 90
Cash hired of L. G. Lougee,	100 00
A. Weeks,	45 00
Benj. H. Foss,	70 00
F. P. Burroughs,	100 00
R. Rowe,	55 00
Dana Bradford,	40 00
D. Sargent,	150 00
Thomas B. Burns,	100 00
L. C. Goodwin,	100 00
Cynthia Arlin,	100 00
Jane B. York,	25 00
Daniel O. Williams,	83 00
A. N. Clough,	50 00
M. E. Page,	182 00
Amount of tax committed to J. S. Page,	2.066 37
C. H. Gilman,	1.896 25
J. Lougee, 2d,	2.320 00
C. H. Gilman school house tax,	25 00
Cash hired of A. T. S. Page,	125 00
J. K. Woodman,	300 00
Cash received of the town of Alton,	8 76
Literary money received of State,	140 67
Cash hired of M. S. Gale,	150 00
O. G. Kimball,	200 00
J. S. Goodwin,	50 00
J. K. Woodman,	150 00
T. G. Potter,	100 00
A. T. Page,	100 00
R. W. Page,	100 00
J. L. Kelley,	100 00
R. Rowe,	100 00
M. A. Quimby,	100 00
E. T. Gilman,	150 00
N. Gilman,	50 00
C. H. Gilman,	100 00
Received of State for aid furnished vol. families,	3.757 30
Cash hired of F. Roberts,	1.100 00
N. C. Page,	300 00
S. L. Greely,	200 00
J. French,	100 00
Ai Page,	200 00
D. Ellsworth,	70 00
H. P. Sweat,	65 00
M. A. Quimby,	180 00
A. N. Clough,	61 00
E. Emerson,	250 00

D. O. Williams,	400 00
D. O. Williams,	100 00
Received of Town of Alton,	4 22
Wolfborough,	6 25
Barnstead,	6 00
Received of the county,	151 13
Cash hired of Rice Gilman,	100 00
Judith Price,	100 00
Cash received for stock sold on town farm,	127 00
hired to pay bounties to volunteers,	10.090 00
for premium on green backs,	34 50
received of State for bounties assigned,	1.900 00
hired,	2.241 50
Cash hired of L. B. French,	75 00
F. I. Bradford,	100 00
O. G. Kimball,	100 00
M. P. Page,	40
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	\$38.809 60
Cr. by paid outstanding orders,	\$5.450 26
for roads and bridges,	380 86
poor off town farm,	398 31
on town farm,	392 61
chargeable to county,	167 45
Cr. by paid abatement of taxes,	158 78
for poor chargeable to other towns,	11 25
current expenses,	3.982 07
families of volunteers,	4.196 00
bounties for volunteers,	16.790 00
town officers,	288 66
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	\$32.216 25
Balance in hands of collectors and cash on hand,	1.593 35
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	\$33.809 60

Settled as above,

THOMAS ADAMS, *Treasurer.*

RICHARD J. VARNEY,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
JOSIAH S. GOODWIN,	
JONA. W. CLOUGH,	

of
Gilmanton.

Feb. 25, 1864. The undersigned have carefully examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched, and a balance due the town of \$1.593 35

GEO. W. PARSONS,	} <i>Auditors.</i>
JAMES S. RUNDLETT,	
JOHN T. JEWELL,	

Funds of the Town.

Parsonage fund,	\$417 81
Literary fund,	140 67

We find the town indebted to funds as follows:

Parsonage fund,	\$139 71
Literary fund,	140 67

All of which is respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. PARSONS,	} <i>Auditors.</i>
JAMES S. RUNDLETT,	
JOHN T. JEWELL,	

We find the town indebted Feb. 25, 1864, for outstanding orders as follows:

F. M. D. Ayers,	\$125 00	C. H. Marden,	185 00
D. Hatch,	250 00	S. J. Gale,, 2 orders,	200 00
B. O. Copp,	160 00	Wm. H. Perkins,	200 00
J. P. Hill,	150 00	Wells C. York,	49 00
J. P. Hill,	500 00	G. W. Dow,	125 00
J. P. Hill,	50 00	J. P. Eaton,	200 00
J. W. Cogswell,	150 00	W. P. York,	200 00
T. S. Dudley,	509 50	E. S. Nelson,	240 00
T. Cogswell,	200 00	D. B. S. Adams,	185 00
M. K. Eveleth,	100 00	J. L. Kelley,	150 00
A. Mack,	94 11	C. F. Gilman,	79 00
J. W. Cogswell,	150 00	Judith Price,	65 00
Ira Shannon,	100 00	S. Potter,	400 00
D. Hatch,	300 00	Samuel D. Nutter,	200 00
G. H. Potter,	100 00	L. S. Carr,	200 00
J. S. Kelley,	200 00	J. Watson,	200 00
Alvah Foss, trustee		P. D. Perkins,	200 00
for S. H. Willey,	33 00	B. F. S. Burpee,	225 00
Ira Shannon,	100 00	Parsonage fund,	139 71
S. Potter,	100 00	C. W. Dow,	175 00
T. S. Dudley,	100 00	Ira Shannon,	1200 00
M. D. Page,	60 00	D. O. Williams,	200 00
J. P. Hill,	80 00	H. P. Gilman,	100 00
F. P. Burroughs,	100 00	Ira A. Hill,	100 00
C. H. Lougee 2d,	200 00	C. H. Roby,	150 00
H. H. Smith,	190 00	S. F. Weeks,	90 00
Trustees of Gilmanton		R. W. Page,	200 00
Academy,	600 00	J. L. Kelley (guardian),	800 00
Aaron E. Warner,	200 00	J. P. Hill,	225 00
Annie G. Warner,	200 00	H. S. Page,	90 00
A. Mack,	100 00	E. S. Tilton,	450 00
Sally Langley,	200 00	F. P. Burroughs,	100 00
N. Young,	200 00	Thos. Cogswell,	100 00
M. E. Page,	125 00	Sally Langley,	100 00
C. J. Edgerly,	100 00	Annie G. Warner,	100 00

J. L. Kelley (guardian),	500 00	Trustees of Gilmanton	
A. Mack,	100 00	Academy,	100 00
E. S. Gilman,	250 00	R. W. Page,	100 00
R. J. Varney,	75 00	Sally Langley,	100 00
J. P. Hill,	100 00	A. T. Page,	100 00
T. Cogswell,	200 00	A. H. Hatch,	105 63
J. W. Cogswell,	100 00	Isaac E. Edgerly,	500 00
A. H. Hatch,	300 00	Benj. H. Foss,	70 00
David Hatch,	200 00	R. Rowe,	55 00
F. P. Burroughs,	100 00	F. P. Burroughs,	100 00
J. S. Osborn,	550 00	Dana B. Bradford,	40 00
J. P. Hill,	150 00	L. C. Goodwin,	100 00
H. S. Page,	200 00	D. O. Williams,	83 00
Sally Langley,	200 00	L. B. York,	25 00
Stephen Gale,	100 00	Cynthia Arlin,	100 00
Thomas Cogswell,	200 00	Thomas B. Burns,	100 00
Charles Varney,	210 00	A. N. Clough,	50 00
Francis Ayer,	500 00	M. E. Page,	182 00
M. K. Eveleth,	75 00	A. T. S. Page,	125 00
J. P. Hill,	100 00	J. K. Woodman,	300 00
Trustees of Gilmanton		M. S. Gale,	150 00
Academy,	500 00	James W. Cogswell,	100 00
Ira Shannon,	1.327 92	I. S. Morgan,	135 21
Trustees of Gilmanton		J. S. Goodwin,	50 00
Academy,	100 00	Thomas G. Potter,	100 00
I. D. Edgerly,	100 00	J. K. Woodman,	150 00
C. J. Edgerly,	100 00	A. T. Page,	100 00
J. P. Hill,	125 00	A. Watson,	60 00
M. D. Page,	75 00	Daniel Sargent,	3 00
Charles Varney,	200 00	Reuben W. Page,	100 00
Ai Page,	255 00	M. A. Quimby,	100 00
A. M. Jewell,	95 00	J. L. Kelley,	100 00
T. J. Gale,	200 00	R. Rowe,	100 00
C. H. Marden,	56 00	N. Gilman,	50 00
L. G. Lougee,	100 00	E. T. Gilman,	150 00
A. Weeks,	45 00	E. Roberts,	1.100 00
N. C. Page,	300 00	D. F. Glidden,	100 00
S. L. Greeley,	200 00	Congregational church,	100 00
M. A. Quimby,	180 00	Peter Dudley,	200 00
J. French,	100 00	C. Varney,	120 00
C. H. Gilman,	100 00	C. H. Gilman,	150 00
Ai Page,	200 00	L. E. Page,	100 00
A. N. Clough,	61 00	J. M. Gilman,	600 00
E. Emerson,	250 00	F. S. Pitman,	1.000 00
D. O. Williams,	400 00	M. A. Mudgett,	200 00
D. O. Williams 2 orders,	200 00	H. B. Kimball,	583 00
R. G. Lougee,	311 48	A. Stevens,	175 00
E. N. Durrell,	300 00	S. Potter,	200 00

L. G. Lougee,	80 00	T. G. Potter,	100 00
A. T. Page,	100 00	J. P. Hill,	140 00
S. Gale,	100 00	S. S. Young,	100 00
Francis Ayers,	400 00	M. A. Lougee,	100 00
Cyrus Jones,	200 00	Judith Price,	100 00
M. A. Mudgett,	500 00	S. Gale,	200 00
T. S. Dudley,	100 00	C. O. Stockbridge,	162 66
A. G. Warner,	100 00	J. Watson,	200 00
Trustees of Gilmanton		F. I. Bradford,	100 00
Academy,	300 00	C. A. Dockham,	89 28
John Chamberlain,	300 00	C. A. Dockham,	27 35
J. H. Stevens,	900 00	S. R. Shepard,	100 00
A. Stevens,	200 00	O. G. Kimball,	100 00
J. F. Chesley,	200 00	M. P. Page,	1,000 00
J. S. Morgan,	500 00	M. P. Page,	700 00
S. L. Greeley	100 00	Nathaniel Varney,	200 00
Rice Gilman;	100 00		

Amount of interest due on the above, Feb. 25, 1864, \$2,000 00
 Unsettled bills against the town, 500 00

\$41,021 85

GEO. W. PARSONS.

JAMES S. RUNDLETT,

JOHN T. JEWELL,

} Auditors.

Balance in hands of collectors and cash on hand,	\$1,593 35
Due from county for paupers supported on town farm,	86 90
the State for aid furnished families of vols.,	3,496 00
Cash in hands of Clough and Varney not yet expended for the families of volunteers,	100 00
Amount of liquors in hands of agents,	219 58
due from Government for bounties assigned,	5,728 00
county for support of paupers,	91 47
for poor chargeable to other towns,	5 00

\$11,320 30

Leaving the town indebted over means Feb. 25, 1864, \$29,701 55

TOWN FARM.

The undersigned, Selectmen of Gilmanton report that the town has paid out of the treasury for the use of the town farm during the year, commencing Feb. 14, 1863 :

For hired labor,	\$51 93
Store bills,	71 12
Barley and potatoes,	22 76

Services of overseers (1862,)	180 00
Physicians for 1862,	25 58
Grass seed,	11 81
Insurance,	8 78
Blacksmiths,	29 91
Repairing buildings,	17 10
Express sleigh,	40 00
Two coffins,	10 00
Liquors,	54—\$470 13
Received for stock sold,	\$127 00
from county for support of paupers,	126 40
Due from county for support of paupers on town farm,	79 00
Received of the town of Barnstead for the board of Emerson girl,	6 00—\$338 40

Making the whole paid out above receipts, \$131 73

Schedule of Property on Town Farm, as appraised by the Selectmen, Feb. 17th, 1864.

2 oxen,	\$170 00
7 cows \$2 00, 3 two year old heifers 40 00,	240 00
5 yearlings 45 00, 1 cosset sheep 5 00,	50 00
2 shoats,	25 00
13 tons English hay 156 00, 6 tons low ground 42 00,	198 00
2 tons straw,	6 00
8 bush wheat 16 00, 20 bush corn 20 00,	36 00
12 bush barley 12 00, 6 bush beans 15 00,	27 00
150 bush potatoes 50 00, 75 bush carrots 25 00,	75 00
7 bush turnips 1 40, 1 1-2 bush onions 3 00,	4 40
2 bush beets 67, 80 lbs lard 11 20,	11 87
60 lbs tallow 7 20, 50 lbs cheese 6 00,	13 20
50 lbs butter 10 00, 100 lbs dried apples 6 00,	16 00
600 lbs beef 42 00, 700 lbs pound pork 84 00,	126 00
2 bbls apples 2 00, 2 bbls soap 7 00,	9 00
3 bbls cider 9 00, 3-4 bbl pickles 4 00,	13 00
25 doz candles 3 67, 70 heads cabbage 3 50,	7 17

Whole amounting to \$1.027 64

RICHARD J. VARNEY,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
JOSIAH S. GOODWIN,	
JONA. W. CLOUGH,	

of
Gilmanton.

List of Names and Ages of Paupers on Farm, Feb. 14, 1864.

Thomas Elkins, aged 78. Dudley J. Weeks, 76. Chas. Bean, 69. Alvah F. Willey, 14. Eliza Thompson, 54. Mehitable Elkins, 73. Polly Morrill, 76. Mercy Elkins, 51. Lydia Avery, 80. Cynthia B. Moulton, 8.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The Committee entrusted with the supervision of the public schools during the past year, in accordance with the law, respectfully submits the following report; embracing a brief statement of each school, together with such suggestions as experience evinces are worthy of consideration.

The whole number of scholars attending school during the year, is 531. The average attendance in school, 341. The whole length of Summer schools, 148 weeks; average length, 9 1-4 weeks. Whole length of Winter schools, 171 weeks; average length, 9 1-2 weeks. Average length of Summer and Winter schools, 9 3-8 weeks. The amount of money raised by town tax for the support of schools, is \$1.055 60. Amount of Literary Fund, divided equally among the several schools, \$153 06. Average amount appropriated to each scholar, \$2 56.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Summer Term, 7 1-2 weeks, taught by Miss Olive J. Sackett, of Barnstead. Amount of school money for the year, \$75 64. Wages of teacher a month, including board, \$12. Number of pupils, 39; average attendance, 25. (For uniformity, and to save space, these items will be reported in this order.)

Miss Sackett possesses, in a good degree, the natural elements of the successful teacher, and fair intellectual qualifications, which, no doubt, in a smaller school, less difficult to instruct, would have secured to her abundant prosperity, yet, as the result evinces, her youth and inexperience rendered her incompetent to cope successfully with the many perplexing duties of her situation here. Consequently, the progress was not particularly noticeable.

The teacher complains in her report, and justly too, as is shown by the low average attendance, of the irregularity of her scholars; to which fact much of the inefficiency of the school may be attributed.

Winter Term of 7 weeks, taught by Mr. B. H. Bartlett, of Pittsfield. Wages, \$30. Whole number of pupils, 43; average, 35.

It is highly probable that the very general satisfaction given in a previous term secured to the teacher his situation in this, and, doubtless, on resuming his labors, he found the acquaintance then formed very available.

When first visited the school was flourishing, and its future *status* seemed quite apparent, but, as it closed abruptly, and without our knowledge, we make no report of its final condition, from personal observation. We suppose, however, judging from current remarks, that it must have been satisfactory. Yet, if we take the teacher's register as an index of the school, no very exalted opinion of its effectiveness can be framed; for we do not remember ever having seen a more carelessly or slovenly executed report.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Summer Term, 8 1-2 weeks, taught by Miss C. Jennie Edgerly, \$78 44; \$13 20; 28; 23 1-2.

The discretion of the Prudential Committees, is clearly manifested in retaining this teacher in their employ; and she richly deserves and has the gratitude of the district for the efficient services she has rendered them thro' a series of years. Her fitness for the position, is beyond question, and her fidelity in the discharge of her duties, is proverbial.

Perfect system and order characterized the school: and, wherever the habits of study and intelligence of the scholars, admitted, the progress was of substantial and gratifying nature.

Winter Term, 8 1-2 weeks; wages of teacher, \$25 40; number of pupils, 23; average, 18.

When it is understood that a teacher is under the necessity of making his report, it will hardly be expected that he will speak very much in his praise or censure, but a few words in relation to the school, may not be considered egotistical.

While the majority of the scholars, secured those emoluments which are the result of regular and prompt attendance, and urbane and studious habits, there were some of *opposite* traits, who, it is feared, failed to do justice to themselves, or to meet the approbation of their friends. The *home culture* of the *moral*, as well as intellectual faculties of their children, is grossly neglected by some of the parents.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Summer School, 7 1-2 weeks, taught by Miss Jennie M. Clough. \$59 42; \$10; 14; 12. With but little experience, Miss Clough engaged in the arduous employment of teaching school in her own district. And had the persevering industry and fidelity which she manifested in the performance of her duties, been duly appreciated, and her rights respected, by all the district, the school would have been one of no ordinary merit. But the transferring to the school-room, by some of the scholars, of a deleterious home influence, and discipline, which controlled their conduct, rendered it quite impossible for their teacher to maintain that perfect system of order so essential to success. There seems to be an unusual development of precocious genius in this school, which, by the way, is no very favorable omen. We think the teacher, from the outset, put too much confidence in the good intentions of her pupils. Considering the circumstances, the improvement was fair.

Winter School, 8 8-11 weeks, taught by Miss Emma H. Hill. Wages, \$14; 14; 12. The remarks on the first term, are equally applicable to this. No more thoroughly qualified teacher of common schools can be found, and under more favorable auspices, her services would have been of the most efficient character, producing highly gratifying results.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Two Terms, 8 1-2 weeks, and 9 weeks, taught by Miss Fannie A. Rollins. School order, \$59 64; \$9 80; 10; 9 in Summer; \$14; 14; \$12 in Winter.

All who have read the report of this school for several years past, must have observed that they all coincide in relation to the backwardness of the scholars, and dilapidated condition of the school-room—the one in a great measure producing the other.

It is to be regretted that no improvement in these particulars, has been made, during the past year, unless the accelerated demolition of the house, by the roughest usage, and persistent practice of that inevitable propensity of the Yankee, may be considered a step in the right direction.

The circumstances already stated, habits of tardiness and irregularity, deficient order, want of thoroughness, and many other very evident things which we forbear to enumerate, all contributed their quotas to the result realized.

A more judicious policy will be inaugurated, if the highest interest of the school is consulted.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Miss Anna C. M. Sanborn, of Laconia, teacher. Summer Term, 9 weeks; Wages of teacher, \$12; number of scholars, 22; average, 18. Winter Term, 13 weeks; wages, \$14 88; 27; 21. Amount of school order, \$78 98.

At each of the four visits made this school, during the year, we found it in evident prosperity. Here are several fine scholars, and all seem well disposed and much interested in the acquisition of knowledge.

The intellectual attainments of this teacher, and the native faculty of imparting instruction which she possesses, are suitable qualifications for her profession. She labored earnestly for the interest of her pupils, and, as far as we can learn, gave entire satisfaction.

The amount of text passed over, exceeded that of any other school, since several of the scholars "completed" the National Arithmetic, and gave attention to the "higher branches;" but, we fear, on the part of some, the advancement was of a cursory nature.

Mental, was sacrificed in a great measure, to Written Arithmetic. However, much *real* progress was made.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Summer Term, 8 weeks, taught by Miss Nellie Smith, \$65 88; \$10: 16; 14. This teacher possesses, in an eminent degree, the qualifications peculiar to her profession, is energetic, quick to perceive the exigencies of her school, and is, at the same time, self-controlled, firm and dignified. The school was of excellent character, the instruction and discipline thorough, and the progress such as the most exacting could not fail to be satisfied with.

Winter Term, 8 weeks, taught by Mr. Josiah S. Goodwin. \$25; 32; 23.

Failing to receive due notice of the close of this school, it was visited but once; therefore, we can speak, only of its appearance at that time. The teacher understood thoroughly, the character of the school, and knew just how to make his efforts most available.

The prospects of success were quite flattering. On the result, the teacher remarks: "The improvement in some of the branches was very good, but

the interest during this term was not so good as would be desirable; and from this fact we are led to infer that the progress was not so rapid as it otherwise would have been, nor their lessons so thorough as we would desire."

DISTRICT No. 7.

Winter School, only, of 13 2-3 weeks, taught by Miss Jennie M. Clough. \$27 42; \$13; 12; 10.

Save one, this is the smallest school in town, both in number and size of scholars, and, ordinarily, of but little interest; but, through the zeal and tact of this teacher, the attention of her pupils was enlisted, and their respect and obedience happily secured. Consequently, the interest and prosperity of the school, compares favorably with others.

The classes in Mental Arithmetic, and especially those in Reading, gave assurance that they had been practically taught.

DISTRICT No. 8.

Summer Term of 8 weeks, taught by Miss Anna C. Farrar. \$47 50; \$9 80, 8; 6.

As a result of the changes which are constantly taking place in our schools, we find this one of the smallest, and not the most interesting or forward.

These were Miss Farrar's first efforts at teaching, and it is believed that they were no less profitable to the district than to herself. She did what she could to promote the welfare of those under her care.

Winter Term, 8 weeks, taught by Miss Olive A. Buswell, of Andover. \$11 40; 13; 11.

This teacher has fair literary attainments, and the moral influence which she exerts over her pupils, is very salutary. Her manner in the school-room is quiet and affable, but perhaps the adoption of more decided measures pertaining to government, would have conduced to the prosperity of the school. Most of the scholars, however, were orderly and studious. They made considerable advancement, and were quite thorough.

DISTRICT No. 9.

Summer School, 13 1-2 weeks, taught by Miss Mary P. Price. \$146 20; \$16; 53; 33.

This teacher has got good qualifications. She understands perfectly, the requirements of the school-room, and conducts the exercises pertaining thereto, with marked ability. She labored assiduously for the advancement of those placed in her charge. The order was unexceptionable, and those pupils who attended constantly, appeared to have pursued their studies with thoroughness; consequently, to such the school was highly beneficial. Others, of irregular habits, improved but little. Yet, as a whole, the school was more profitable than could have been expected under such adverse circumstances.

Winter Term, of 10 weeks, taught by Mr. Nath'l S. Gale. Wages, \$28 ; 27 ; 22.

The remarks on the Summer School are apposite for this. Mr. Gale's character as a teacher, is too well known to be affected by any statement of ours. The order was good, the instruction, thorough, and a *few* of the scholars progressed finely. Parents manifested little or no interest in the school, and the irregularity of their children, was an effectual bar to improvement.

DISTRICT No. 10.

Summer Term of 8 weeks, taught by Miss Martha E. Price. \$54 66.

The smallest school in town, yet not, by any means, the least interesting; on the contrary, the scholars were attentive, and worthy improvement was made. The teacher, though young, has good literary qualifications, and she discharged her duties in a creditable manner.

Winter Term, 11 weeks, taught by Miss Mary L. Rogers. 12 ; 10. Register not received.

Though this was the teacher's second efforts at teaching, she succeeded far better than young teachers usually do ; and the school was a good one. Being active, energetic, and commanding, she caused the corresponding effects to be seen in her pupils. They were industrious, prompt in recitation, and orderly in deportment. In the general appearance of the scholars, there were but few defects noticeable, and fair progress was made.

DISTRICT No. 11.

No Summer School. Winter School, 11 1-2 weeks, taught by Miss Fannie A. Cooke, of Dover. School order, \$44 94 ; number of scholars, 22 ; average, 18.

As no opportunity for an examination of this teacher, was afforded previous to the commencement of the school, we have very little personal knowledge of her qualifications. Near the close of the first week, however, we visited her school, made ourself known, and, after listening to the exercises, concluded that she possessed the requisite attainments, and that the school would prosper under her tuition.

Misapprehending the length of the term, and failing to get seasonable notice of its close, we did not attend the examination, therefore, cannot determine, from observation, its progress and final condition. But, judging by the favorable reports which we heard of the school, from time to time, while it was in session, and the testimony of several who *did* attend the examination, we have no doubt that the school was of a high order, and eminently successful.

DISTRICT No. 12.

Summer Term, 12 weeks, taught by Miss Laura A. Gale. \$74 52 ; 12 ; 21 ; 16.

To commend a teacher so well and favorably known as Miss Gale is, even

in the most laconic terms, would justly be regarded as an act of supererogation. And the fact that she was the teacher of this school, is a sufficient report of its success. Yet, in justice to the scholars, we will not forbear to specify a few of many of its excellencies; though not generally the case. Reading, and the study of our native tongue, received attention proportionate to their importance; as a result, we found better readers and grammarians here than in any other school.

Map-drawing contributed to the interest of Geography, and the ready performance of promiscuous examples, evinced thorough instruction in Arithmetic.

We unhesitatingly pronounce this the *best* school of the Summer Term, and cheerfully award it the palm.

Winter Term, 11 weeks. Miss Carrie W. Clay, of Upper Gilmanton, teacher. 33; 26.

It is difficult to find this school's superior. The unusual solicitude of the citizens of this district for its prosperity, and the zeal with which some of them engage in the furtherance of all educational interests, contributed, liberally, to its model character. The wisdom of the committee in selecting teachers peculiarly fitted to instruct this school, is too evident to need comment.

Many of the scholars are well advanced and thorough. The teacher of whom it may be said,

"Her highest meed's her patron's gratitude,"

entered upon her duties, with all the enthusiasm necessary to success in her profession; and her characteristics were plainly stamped upon her pupils. It was pleasing to notice the precision and clearness with which the exercises of the school was conducted. Singing added interest to the closing examination, and the Rhetorical exercises were admirably performed. The order was good; the scholars were much attached to their teacher, and it is unnecessary to and, the school made real progress.

DISTRICT No. 13.

Summer Term, 11 weeks; Autumn Term, 6 weeks, taught by Miss Lurena H. Holt, of Loudon. \$51 88; \$10 40; 26; 21, first term; \$13 68; 23; 22, second term.

This teacher entered her school with no experience, and, as subsequently shown, with little special preparation for the proper discharge of the duties it imposed. The usual and legitimate fruits of such conditions, are tardy progress, increasing idleness, disorder, and a general sacrifice of privilege.

But whether *any* or *all* of these specific results were realized here, we are unable to say, since, having no intimation of the close of either term, we made two visits only, and one of those when but few of the scholars were present.

We would only add that the prospects were such as none but the most sanguine could contemplate with pleasure.

DISTRICT NO. 14.

Summer Term of 8 weeks, taught by Miss Lottie A. Bunker.* \$43 84 ;
\$12 00 ; 14 : 12.

Decided improvement in the character of this school, were made while it was under the care of Miss B. The order was good, the instruction thorough and systematic, and the progress such as the district could not fail to appreciate.~

In our opinion, this teacher possesses the faculties indispensable to success, in a much higher degree than many of far greater pretensions.

Winter Term of 9 weeks, taught by Miss Ellen M. Perkins, of Pittsfield.
\$12 68 ; 20 ; 16 1-4.

The proficiency of the last term was not only continued, but clearly augmented in this. In view of this fact, the inhabitants of this district have ample cause for congratulation.

The selection of the teacher was judicious, since she possesses the talents, natural and acquired, so desirable in an instructor. Knowing her duties in the schoolroom, she performs them with fidelity and fearlessness. The order, and everything in and about the school indicated that the teacher had control there.

DISTRICT No. 15.

Summer Term, 8 weeks, taught by Miss Lydia A. E. Jewell. \$50 02 ; 16 ; 11.

Notwithstanding her youth and inexperience, had this teacher received the cordial support of *all* her patrons, and the selfish opposition of *none*, her efforts might have been crowned with more pleasing results.

Under the circumstances, very little was accomplished.

Winter Term, of 7 weeks, taught by Miss Martha E. Osgood, of Loudon.
\$20 ; 27 ; 23.

A knowledge of the characteristics and requisites of this school, acquired while teaching a select Fall term of some eight weeks, together with superior attainment, and a just appreciation of the duties of the teacher, peculiarly fitted Miss Osgood to engage in the labors of this term with the most encouraging prospects of that success, than which none more gratifying was attained in any of our schools.

The instruction was, at once, lucid, thorough, and entertaining ; and the improvement and discipline—the latter secured by mild, yet firm and decided means—were such as should win the commendations of all. Composition, declamation, and singing were profitably taught, and their judicious inter-spersion added materially, to the value of the school, and the interest of the examination.

The teacher remarks : "The moral character of the scholars, as far as I have observed, has been very fair. They have exhibited honest and honorable motives in their conduct to each other, and have manifested a respectful observance of the laws of the school.

* Deceased, Feb, 15, 1863.

These remarks, of course, are not true in every individual case, but of the school taken as a whole. There are "drones" *here*, as elsewhere—dead weight upon all advancement. And perhaps, it is needless to add that *duplicity*, as well as honesty, has disclosed itself, where it ought least to be expected."

DISTRICT No. 16.

Summer School, 7 weeks, taught by Miss Anna H. Wiggin, of Tamworth. \$59 94; \$13; 14; 13.

We introduced ourself to this teacher some days after she commenced the term, and, on an acquaintance of scarcely two hours, had the *privilege* of of "recommending" her as "competent" to instruct this school! However, the teacher and scholars appeared quite well, and the discipline was of medium thoroughness. If it had no remarkable characteristics, we conclude that the school made fair progress, and that the teacher gave general satisfaction.

Winter Term of 9 weeks, taught by Miss Laura A. Gale. Wages, \$19; 20; 17 1-2.

No more substantial evidence of the merits of this teacher can be adduced than the fact that the district justly considered themselves fortunate in securing her services the *third* time.

Though she had previously given entire satisfaction, and proved herself to be one of our most efficient teachers, during this term she surpassed, if possible, any of her former efforts; and it is almost needless to say that her pupils made good improvement, and that the school was of the highest order.

At the close of the examination, which was creditable and interesting, the scholars gave suitable expression to the sentiments of gratitude and affection which they cherish for their teacher, by presenting her with a beautiful album.

UNION DISTRICT No. 19.

Miss Edna A. Bean, teacher of both the Summer and Winter terms. Length, whole number, and average of each, respectively, 8 weeks; 12; 11, and 9 weeks; 16; 14 1-2. Amount of school order, \$43 24. Wages \$13 00.

Although there are few scholars, and most of them young, this is one of the most interesting schools in town, and we are of the opinion that no one, of equal length, accomplished more than this. The causes of this gratifying result are very evident, and may be briefly stated; the parents take a deep interest in the school and the cause to which it contributes;—in proof of this, we have only to cite their frequent visits, and care for its weal. Their children, too, judging by their excellent behavior in school, have the right kind of training at home. And, to crown all, the teacher was eminently competent to sustain the relation, being intelligent, active, and faithful; imparting instruction with ability and tact, and giving, as far as we could learn, perfect satisfaction.

The recitations, on our last visit, were very praiseworthy.

DISTRICT NO. 18.

Summer school, 16 weeks, taught by Miss Jennie B. Smith. \$146 50 ; \$14 00 ; 55 ; 49.

The enviable reputation and valuable experience of this teacher, together with the superior scholarship, and rare faculty of imparting instruction, and securing obedience, which are combined in her character, render her a very desirable occupant of the teacher's chair.

On taking charge of this school, she found it in no very favorable circumstances ; and it cannot be denied that a complete revolution in its condition was effected during her administration. This fact becomes apparent, when we consider the strict discipline, earnest application, and rapid progress of the scholars. It was gratifying to see the pupils taking such interest in their school, so attentive to their studies, and so respectful to their teacher.

The examination of the class in geography, by topical questioning, was the best of any in town. There were many who read with ease and fluency, making few errors in articulation or inflection ; and all the classes seemed to have received their proportionate share of attention.

Winter term of 11 weeks, taught by Mr. Moses E. Stevens of Loudon. \$— ; 60 ; 54. It is believed that the prosperity of the first term was continued in the second ; and the remarks on the former may not be altogether inappropriate for the latter. The order was all that could be reasonably expected in a school of this class, and the progress of such as gave undivided attention to their studies, was steady, and real.

Rapid advancement was not so much the aim of the teacher as thorough and practical advancement.

The foregoing exhibit of the condition of our schools affords gratifying evidence of their prosperity ; and it cannot be denied that the schools of Gilmanton, with a few exceptional instances, are to-day in a state which is quite satisfactory, and, in many respects, in advance of previous years. Some of them have attained a position in which they will bear favorable comparison with the best that this region can boast.

If, unfortunately, the number of *unexceptionable* teachers was small, most of them were industrious, and warmly interested for the welfare of their pupils, and, if we except two or three, there is not a district or school-room in the town that does not evince the results of excellent instruction. Yet we will not forbear to express our disapprobation of the custom, which is becoming far too prevalent, of employing so young, and, consequently, inexperienced teachers, for our small and backward schools ; especially do we protest against employing such teachers for that class of our Winter schools.

With many persons, even now, in this enlightened age, it seems to be the belief that almost any one of moderate acquirements is competent to teach a small school of children between five and ten years of age. Parents can cherish no error more fatal to the best interests of their children. If it does not demand the same amount and extent of scholarship, it requires a peculiar

adaptedness to teach, and, at least, as high an order of talent to instruct and govern, properly, a class of pupils of five as of fifteen years. Since, therefore, the elevation of our standard of popular education depends, very much, on the character of our smaller schools, and younger scholars, too much discretion cannot be exercised in the selection of their teachers.

The course pursued by several of the prudential committees renders it necessary to remind them that the law makes no provisions whatever for the examination of teachers after they begin their schools; and it expressly states that it is *their* duty, not the teacher's, to give *seasonable* notice to the superintendent of the commencement and close of *each* term. Through their remissness in these particulars, we were unable to perform our *whole* duty.

It may not be unprofitable to enumerate some of the essential elements of the MODEL SCHOOL, in the disregard of which consist the more obvious defects of a portion of our teachers. A careful arrangement of the exercises of the school and the adoption, by the teacher, of some *definite system* of instruction, the complete rejection of the "*draining-out*" method of conducting recitations, in which the manner of asking the questions, either suggests their answers, or indirectly repeats them, the absolute discarding of the equally injurious "*pouring-in*" process, where the teacher both asks and *answers* the questions, does the talking, and crowds the young mind with unintelligible facts, a cheerful compliance with all necessary rules, a neatly swept and tastefully decorated school-room, frequent recourse to appropriate illustrations, and daily use of the black-board, are among the distinguishing characteristics of this class of schools. If, then, the enhancement of our district schools is desired, the most direct and effectual way to accomplish this end, is to select such teachers only as, having the disposition and ability to do it, will adopt and *enforce* these measures.

It seems to be utterly superfluous to expatiate, in general terms, upon the inestimable value of our educational system. It is one of those ennobling features of our civilization which needs no defence; and he who derogates it displays eccentric traits akin to idiocy or insanity.

This scheme of education, which embraces morality and religion, and extends its privileges to the *masses*, is the corner stone of our social fabric. By it we sustain an exalted rank among nations, our armies are made invincible, and our resources are developed; without it, we degenerate as an intelligent, moral, and prosperous people. Its value cannot be over-estimated; no care or cost necessary to secure it, can be excessive, or wisely withheld. The perilous times in whose midst we live, should allow no neglect of these nurseries of our civilization; rather should we find cause in them to redouble our efforts.

Let us earnestly hope, then, that the schools of Gilmanton, not only, but of New England and the entire North, may continue to improve and prosper, till their influence shall radiate throughout our land, and the repentant rebels shall sing their euphonic praises.

A. H. HATCH,
Superintending Committee of Schools.

